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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. ROGER SHORT

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that Roger Short, age 55, of Buffalo, New York, pled guilty before Hon. William M. Skretny, United States District Judge, to a felony Information, charging him with one count of bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a), carrying a maximum penalty of 30 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala, who handled the case, stated that the defendant robbed the HSBC branch at 973 Main Street, in Buffalo on January 14, 2005. After he handed the teller a note directing her to give him all the money in the till, the teller gave Short money containing a dye pack, which exploded in his pants when he left the bank. Nearly all the money was recovered.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Peter Ahearn, Special Agent in Charge.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 25, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Skretny.

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